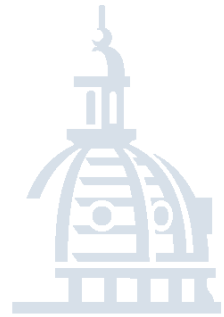




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### IOWA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES COMMISSION MEETING

**Meeting.** The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Commission met on June 23, 2016, in Ankeny. The Board took the following action:

- **Regulatory Update.** The Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division (ABD) is currently working with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to build up its compliance capabilities by adding staff and realign responsibilities. The Division intends to incorporate the stipulations of the 2008 Smoke Free Air Act as a part of the education and inspection procedure currently in place. The ABD also informed the Commission of its intent to increase its workload in inspecting licenses by extending the knowledge base of individual licensees through tax validation, assisting in understanding the flow of Iowa's three-tier system of alcohol distribution, and general compliance outreach. Additionally, the Division also discussed its compliance outreach plans for the upcoming 2016 RAGBRAI events.
- **Financial Update.** The Commission was briefed on the current financial status of Iowa's alcohol industry. According to calculations provided by the ABD, FY 2016 liquor sales for the month of May have increased 6.37% when compared to the same month in FY 2015. Similarly, total order numbers for the month of May 2016 have increased 18.32% when compared to May 2015. Overall revenue has increased 6.45% when comparing data from May 2016 to May 2015.
- **Election of Officers.** Prior to adjournment, the Commission unanimously voted to elect its officers for FY 2017. The Commission also formally welcomed its newest member, John Pauli, who was appointed to the Commission by Governor Branstad on May 1, 2016. Commissioner Pauli's term expires in April 2021, and he will be eligible to serve a second term.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board has not been determined at this time.

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